

REMARKS

With this Third Preliminary Amendment, claims 74-142 are pending, of which claims 74, 76-80, 103-104, 107-109, 124-126, 128-129 and 134-142 are in independent form. Originally filed claims 1-73 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

New claims 134-142 have been copied from U.S. Patent No. 6,326,280 (the “‘280 patent”), issued December 4, 2001. In particular, claim 134 corresponds exactly to ‘280 patent claim 1, and claims 135-136 correspond substantially to ‘280 patent claim 1. Likewise, claim 137 corresponds exactly to ‘280 patent claim 2, and claims 138-139 correspond substantially to that claim 2. Further, claim 140 corresponds exactly, and claims 141 corresponds substantially, to ‘280 patent claim 3; and claim 142 corresponds exactly to ‘280 patent claim 4.

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